



# Back to School Drive, Scholarships, NM Small Business Program

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## Back to School Drive helps over 1,000 children

Thanks to the generosity of Laboratory employees and other members of the community, more than 1,000 backpacks with school supplies were collected during the Lab's 2018 Back to School drive. The backpacks will go to students in need across the region.

"The drive has made sure so many children will start the school year ready to learn," said Selena Valencia of the Lab's Community Partnerships Office (CPA-CPO), who coordinated the effort. "Whether it was individual donations, or collective efforts from groups who bought and filled backpacks together, we're very grateful for everyone's kindness and generosity."

Support for the drive also came from Del Norte Credit Union and Smith's.

Representatives from 12 school districts across the region (including Bureau of Indian Education schools) received the backpacks and supplies just before school started and distributed them to the students most in need.

Scholarship winners were honored during a reception at the LANL Foundation in Española.

## Winners of nontraditional student and tribal business scholarships announced

The LANL Foundation recently announced the winners of the [latest scholarships made possible by the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund](#). Three Native American students received the 2018 Northern New Mexico Tribal Business Scholarships in support of bachelor's degree studies in business-related fields. The second round of Regional College/Returning Student RCRS Scholarships for 2018 were given to 16 nontraditional students from the region pursuing a two-year degree or certification after a significant gap in formal education. Each scholarship is worth \$1500.

NMSBA helped Taos Mountain Energy Foods realize \$120,000 in cost savings.

# New Mexico Small Business Program accepting proposals

The [New Mexico Small Business Assistance](#) (NMSBA) program is accepting proposals for 2019.

The program helps small New Mexico businesses solve critical challenges through access to Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories' unique expertise and capabilities. Technical assistance - in the form of laboratory staff time and their use of specialized equipment and incidental materials - is provided at no cost to the business (the program does not provide cash or equipment). The NMSBA program also allows multiple small businesses that share technical challenges to request assistance collectively. Proposals are due by September 12. You can learn more and apply here: [www.NMSBAprogram.org](http://www.NMSBAprogram.org)

## Last chance to participate in the Congressional App Challenge

The [Congressional App Challenge](#) (CAC) is a public effort to encourage students to learn how to code, through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. Middle and high school students code original applications for the chance to be selected for recognition by their Member of Congress, win prizes, and have their work put on display in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Students can compete as individuals or in teams of up to four people. Those interested must submit their app by 10 a.m. MT on October 15, 2018. For more information, go [here](#).

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